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SUBJECT: GOS ATTITUDE RE TFAI INDEPENDENCE

1. IN RESPONSE AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION JAN 28, FONOFF USEC MIRGHANI STATED GOS POSITION RE TFAI INDEPENDENCE CENTERS ON HOPE THAT NO PROBLEM WILL ARISE FROM THIS ISSUE WHICH WOULD FORCE GOS TAKE SIDES AS AMONG ITS AREA NEIGHBORS. MIRGHANI SAID HE FAVORED REFERENDUM IN TERRITORY UNDER UN/OAU AUSPICES AS MEANS TO THIS END. RESULT WOULD NO DOUBT BE DISAPPOINTING TO SOMALIS BUT IF CONDUCTED UNDER SUCH AUSPICES, SOMALIA WOULD BE UNABLE FORCE OTHER COUNTRIES SUPPORT ITS CONTINUING CLAIM. FOR SAME REASON, MIRGHANI THOUGHT ANY POST-INDEPENDENCE FRENCH MILITARY PRESENCE SHOULD BE MADE SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY AN INDEPENDENT GOVERNMENT IN DJBOUTI. THIS WOULD AVIOD CHARGES THAT FRANCE HAD FORCED TFAI AGREE IN ADVANCE TO CONTINUING FRENCH MILITARY ROLE AS CONDITION OF INDEPENDENCE.

2. MIRGHANI SAID FRENCH AMBASSADOR HERE RECENTLY CONSULTED HIM ON TFAI AND HAD MADE SIMILAR COMMENTS TO FRENCHMAN.

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